DEPUTY PRESIDENT : There is no absolute rule like that. There are only a few questions more and I shall allow the time, taken up for them, towards the close of the day.

Payment of grants to Municipalities.

305. **MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the basis on which grants are given to Municipalities by the Government;

(*b*) the names of the Municipalities receiving grants from the Government; and

(*c*) the names of the Municipalities that had applied for grants ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) (*a*) The financial condition of the Municipalities is the chief consideration.

(*b*) Haripad, Trivandrum, Neyyattinkara and Padmanabhapuram for the current year [1107].

(*c*) The question is vague as the member has not specified the year or years for which the information is wanted.

Nomination of persons receiving grants from Municipalities as members thereof.

306. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they generally nominate persons, receiving grants from Municipalities, as members thereof ;

(*b*) whether one Mr. Nilakantan Vaidyan receives a grant from the Quilon Municipality ; and

(*c*) whether he is nominated a member of the said Municipality by the Government, and, if so, why ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes, to represent an unrepresented minority community in the town.

Abolition of the Sub-Registry Office at Kotamangalam.

307. **MR. K. P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they received any petition from a deputation representing the inhabitants of Kotamangalam and the neighbouring *pakuthies* objecting to the proposal for the abolition of the Kotamangalam Sub-Registry Office ; and

(*b*) the final decision of the Government on the same ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter has not been decided finally.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*) : May I know the date on which the petition was received by Government ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Certain resolutions were passed at a public meeting by the people of Kotamangalam

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